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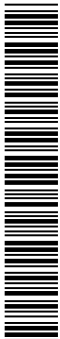
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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. MARKEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A BILL**

To preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*



1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Morris K. Udall Arctic  
3 Wilderness Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Americans cherish the continued existence  
7 of expansive, unspoiled wilderness ecosystems and  
8 wildlife found on their public lands, and feel a  
9 strong moral responsibility to protect this wilderness  
10 heritage as an enduring resource to bequeath undis-  
11 turbed to future generations of Americans.

12 (2) It is widely believed by ecologists, wildlife  
13 scientists, public land specialists, and other experts  
14 that the wilderness ecosystem centered around and  
15 dependent upon the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic  
16 National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, represents the  
17 very epitome of a primeval wilderness ecosystem and  
18 constitutes the greatest wilderness area and diversity  
19 of wildlife habitats of its kind in the United States.

20 (3) President Dwight D. Eisenhower initiated  
21 protection of the wilderness values of the Arctic  
22 coastal plain in 1960 when he set aside 8,900,000  
23 acres establishing the Arctic National Wildlife Range  
24 expressly “for the purpose of preserving unique wild-  
25 life, wilderness and recreational values”.



1           (4) Congress strengthened the protective man-  
2           agement of the Eisenhower-designated area in 1980  
3           with the enactment of the Alaska National Interest  
4           Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96-487; 94  
5           Stat. 2371), section 303(2) of which established the  
6           Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, more than doubled  
7           the size of the wildlife refuge, and extended statu-  
8           tory wilderness protection to most of the original  
9           area.

10          (5) Before the enactment of the Alaska Na-  
11          tional Interest Lands Conservation Act, the House  
12          of Representatives twice passed legislation that  
13          would have protected the entire Eisenhower-des-  
14          ignated area as wilderness, including the Arctic  
15          coastal plain.

16          (6) A majority of Americans have supported  
17          and continue to support preserving and protecting  
18          the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, including the  
19          Arctic coastal plain, from any industrial development  
20          and consider oil and gas exploration and develop-  
21          ment in particular to be incompatible with the pur-  
22          poses for which this incomparable wilderness eco-  
23          system has been set aside.

24          (7) Canada has taken action to preserve those  
25          portions of the wilderness ecosystem of the Arctic



1       that exist on its side of the international border and  
2       provides strong legal protection for the habitat of  
3       the Porcupine River caribou herd that migrates an-  
4       nually through both countries to calve on the Arctic  
5       coastal plain.

6           (8) The extension of full wilderness protection  
7       for the Arctic coastal plain within the Arctic Na-  
8       tional Wildlife Refuge will still leave 95 percent of  
9       the North Slope of Alaska without such wilderness  
10      protection, so that development of energy resources  
11      in Alaska can continue to contribute significantly to  
12      meeting the energy needs of the United States with-  
13      out despoiling the unique Arctic coastal plain of the  
14      Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

15      (b) Statement of Policy.—Congress hereby declares  
16      that it is the policy of the United States—

17           (1) to honor the decades of bipartisan efforts  
18      that have increasingly protected the great wilderness  
19      ecosystem of the Arctic coastal plain;

20           (2) to sustain this natural treasure for the cur-  
21      rent generation of Americans; and

22           (3) to do everything possible to protect and pre-  
23      serve this magnificent natural ecosystem so that it  
24      may be bequeathed in its unspoiled natural condition  
25      to future generations of Americans.



1 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL WILDERNESS, ARC-**  
2 **TIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, ALASKA.**

3 (a) INCLUSION OF ARCTIC COASTAL PLAIN.—In fur-  
4 therance of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.),  
5 an area within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in the  
6 State of Alaska comprising approximately 1,559,538  
7 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Arctic Na-  
8 tional Wildlife Refuge—1002 Area Alternative E—Wilder-  
9 ness Designation”, dated October 28, 1991, and available  
10 for inspection in the offices of the Secretary of the Inte-  
11 rior, is hereby designated as wilderness and, therefore, as  
12 a component of the National Wilderness Preservation Sys-  
13 tem.

14 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The area designated as wil-  
15 derness under subsection (a) shall be administered by the  
16 Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the provisions  
17 of the Wilderness Act as part of the wilderness area al-  
18 ready in existence within the Arctic National Wildlife Ref-  
19 uge as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

